

REMARKS

Amended Claim 19 corrects a typographical error and restricts the scope of the protection sought, "pyridinium ion" having been deleted from the recited Markush group.

The present invention is directed to light transmitting, antistatic thermoplastic molding composition that includes polycarbonate resin and a perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salt conforming to a particular molecular structure. As presently amended, the claimed salt excludes pyridinium ion salts.

Claims 12, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Adelman et al. (U.S. Patent 4,007,150).

Adelman disclosed the use of certain perfluoroalkanesulphonic acid amides and /or cyclimmonium salts of perfluoroalkanesulphonic acids as mold release agents in polycarbonates.

In rejecting the claims the Examiner points to the composition disclosed in Adelman's Example 6 as anticipating.

According to its description (in column 8, lines 48 et seq.) mold release "agent G" is applied to polycarbonate. The identity of "agent G" is disclosed – column 8, line 22- as "N-Methyl-perfluorooctanesulphonamide ($C_8H_{17}SO_2NHCH_3$)". Agent G is a sulphonate (SO_2^-) that does not describe the presently claimed sulphates (SO_3^-).

The rejection alleging anticipation is clearly in error and its retraction is urged.

Adelman relates to mold release agents and includes nothing relative to antistatic properties. It is therefore unclear why or how Adelman may reasonably be said to suggest or render obvious the presently claimed antistatic composition.

The rejection alleging obviousness over Adelman is untenable and its withdrawal is requested.

Believing the above represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicants request the earliest issuance of an indication to this effect.

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